Cour. Of *Laertes?*

Hora. His purſe is empty already, all's golden words are ſpent.

Ham. Of him ſir.

Cour. I know you are not ignorant.

Ham. I would you did ſir; yet in faith if you did it would not much approve me: well ſir.

Cour. You are ignorant of what excellence *Laertes* is.

Ham. I dare not confeſſe that, leſt I ſhould compare with him in excellence; but to know a man well were to know himſelfe.

Cour. I meane ſir for his weapon, but in the imputation laid on him by them in his meed hee's unfellowed.

Ham. What's his weapon?

Cour. Rapier and dagger.

Ham. That's two of his weapons; but well.

Cour. The King ſir hath wager'd with him ſixe *Barbery* horſes, againſt the which he has impawn'd as I take it ſix *French* Rapiers and Poniards, with their aſſignes, as girdle, hanger, and ſo: three of the carriages in faith are very deare to fancy, very reſponſive to the hilts, moſt delicate carriages, and of very liberall conceit.

Ham. What call you the carriages?

Hora. I knew you muſt be edified by the margin ere you had done.

Cour. The carriages ſir are the hangers.

Ham. The phraſe would be more german to the matter if wee could carry a cannon by our ſides, I would it might be hangers till then: but on, ſixe *Barbary* horſes againſt ſixe *French* ſwords, their aſſignes, and three liberall conceited carriages, that's the *French* bet againſt the *Daniſh*, why is this all you call it?

Cour. The King ſir, hath laid ſir, that in a dozen paſſes betweene your ſelfe and him he ſhall not exceed you three hits, he hath laid on twelve for nine, and it would come to immediate triall, if your Lordſhip would vouchſafe the anſwer.

Ham. How if I anſwer no?

Cour. I meane my Lord the oppoſition of your perſon in triall.

Ham. Sir I will walke here in the hall, if it pleaſe his Majeſtie, it is the breathing time of day with me, let the foiles be brought, the Gentleman willing, and the King hold his purpoſe, I will win for him and I can; if not, I will gaine nothing but my ſhame and the odde hits.

Cour.

Cour. Shall I deliver you ſo?

Ham. To this effect ſir, after what flouriſh your nature

Cour. I commend my duty to your Lordſhip.

Ham. Yours does well to commend it himſelfe, the tongues elſe for his turne.

Hora. This Lapwing runs away with the ſhell on his h

Ham. A did ſo ſir with his dugge before a ſuckt it; thus & many more of the ſame breed that I know, the droſſie a on, onely got the tune of the time, and out of an habit of ter, a kinde of miſty collection, which carries them thro through the moſt profane and trennowned opinions; and blow them to their triall, the bubbles are out.

Enter a Lord.

Lord. My Lord, his Majeſtie commended him to you b *Oſtricke*, who brings back to him that you attend him in he ſends to know if your pleaſure hold to play with *Laert* you will take longer time?

Ham. I am conſtant to my purpoſes, they follow th pleaſure; if his fitneſſe ſpeaks, mine is ready, now or whe provided I be ſo able as now.

Lord. The King and Queen and all are comming dow

Ham. In happy time.

Lord. The Queen deſires you to uſe ſome gentle enter to *Laertes* before you goe to play.

Ham. She well inſtructs me.

Hor. You will loſe my Lord.

Ham. I doe not thinke ſo, ſince he went into *France* I in continuall practice; I ſhall win at the oddes: thou wo think how ill all's here about my heart, but it is no matt

Hora. Nay good my Lord:

Ham. It is but foolery, but it is ſuch a kind of game- would perhaps trouble a woman.

Hora. If your mind diſlike any thing obey it, I ſhal their repaire hither, and ſay you are not fit.

Ham. Not a whit, we defie Augury, there is a ſpeciall p in the fall of a Sparrow: if it be, 'tis not to come, if it b come, it will be now, if it be not now, yet it will come, neſſe is all, ſince no man of ought he leaves knowes w